TYPICAL CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE

Early season Weeks 1-4

Monday Short Tempo

Tuesday Long Run if not done on Sunday/Medium recovery day if long run on Sunday

Wednesday Long Tempo/Progressive Tempo

Thursday Medium recovery day

Friday Pre-meet group run and strides

Saturday Meet

Sunday Optional Long Run/Day Off/Short Shakeout

Mid-season Weeks 5-7

Monday Repeats at Race Pace Tuesday Long or Medium Wednesday Hill Repeats

Thursday Medium recovery/Focus on cadence and form

Friday Pre-meet group run and strides

Saturday Meet

Sunday Long Run/Day Off/Shakeout

Late Season Weeks 8-10

Monday Track workout—longer repeats, controlled

Tuesday Long or Medium

Wednesday Track workout—shorter repeats, controlled to fast

Thursday Medium/Light

Friday Pre-meet group run and strides

Saturday Race

Sunday Long/Off/Shakeout

Thursdays or Tuesday/Thursday (Medium days) we choose to focus on cadence, an aspect of form, etc.

Sundays we prefer active recovery to nothing, but depends on the kid.

Friday we always do our stuff together if possible. Higher mileage kids sometimes do an AM run for added miles.

TYPICAL TRACK SEASON TRAINING SCHEDULE

We keep it simple and predictable for the most part—kids know what to expect and prepare for

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY are QUALITY DAYS
SUNDAY or TUESDAY is LONG RUN DAY
THURSDAY is the day that varies most from runner to runner
Medium recovery/Alternative Training/Day off
FRIDAY is Pre-meet
SATURDAY MEET

IF WE HAVE A WEEKDAY MEET we only do one quality day that week.

For 1600/3200 runners quality days start with tempo pace and move into 400s Usually one mix-paced/distance workout, otherwise not much variation on distance.

400/800 runners spend some time with the 1600/3200 runners at first then move to shorter faster stuff sooner.

400/800 runners do more workouts with variation within the workout (distance, intensity and recovery).

PEAKING

We change very little the week of state. Mostly we control volume and intensity

SUMMER TRAINING

Very individualized based on the commitment each runner wants to make. In a school of 200 kids, we don't have 20 runners who are dedicated to 40-50 miles/week. We have 2. Absolutely no getting stuck on a calendar with a specific run each day. Be a kid. Have a summer. We try to meet once a week after the 4th of July, not counting trips.